

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:585
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
TELECAST BY PTV ON HAIGAM KILLINGS
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan Television (PTV) has been repeatedly telecasting the BBC's report on the public protests in Kashmir after the recent Haigam killings;
- (b) if so, whether PTV is using the BBC clip to carry on a propaganda against India;
- (c) whether such reports aggravate tension in the sensitive State of Kashmir; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to counter such propaganda against India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 585 FC
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(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It has come to the notice of Government that PTV has used the clippings of BBC repeatedly to suit its propaganda.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Prasar Bharati has been disseminating information regarding the policies and schemes of the Government amongst the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Under the J&K special package, expansion and upgradation of AIR and Doordarshan establishment is under implementation, which will increase the electronic media coverage in border areas. Doordarshan has also launched the Kashir Channel on 26.1.2000. Special programmes are aired to counter the propaganda from hostile countries and to maintain communal harmony and peace in the State.